

# Jack Daw's Adventures

## Is the Day They Start



**E**VERY boy and girl in Saginaw will be interested in Leslie Elton's new story, "Jack Daw's Adventures." Jack is a little boy who meets with all sorts of thrills during his hunt for a hidden treasure. Imagine running into a hideous monster and a giant. Jack does just that!

But he also meets some folks who are kind to him: Little Mary, the Mysterious Old Man, Jocko the Monkey, and lots of others.

Jack's adventures start in the News Courier today on page 14.



**W**E WANT EVERY BOY AND GIRL TO MEET LITTLE JACK DAW. HE STARTS ON A LONG JOURNEY TO-MORROW IN SEARCH OF HIDDEN TREASURE.

**T**HIS IS JACK'S MOTHER AND JACK IS HER SOLE SUPPORT. IT IS FOR HER SAKE THAT HE IS GOING TO TRY AND FIND THE TREASURE GOLD.

**O**F COURSE JACK HAS A PET DOG. FLIP IS HIS NAME AND WHEREVER JACK GOES FLIP TRAILS ALONG. HE IS JACK'S PROTECTOR.

**L**ITTLE MISS MARY DOESN'T KNOW JACK YET, BUT SHE SOON WILL. FOR JACK RESCUES HER, IN A GHOSTLY FOREST AND THEY BECOME FRIENDS.



**W**HEN JACK FIRST MEETS THIS MYSTERIOUS OLD MAN HE IS QUITE FRIGHTENED, BUT HE SOON FINDS HE IS A GOOD MAN AND HIS FRIEND.

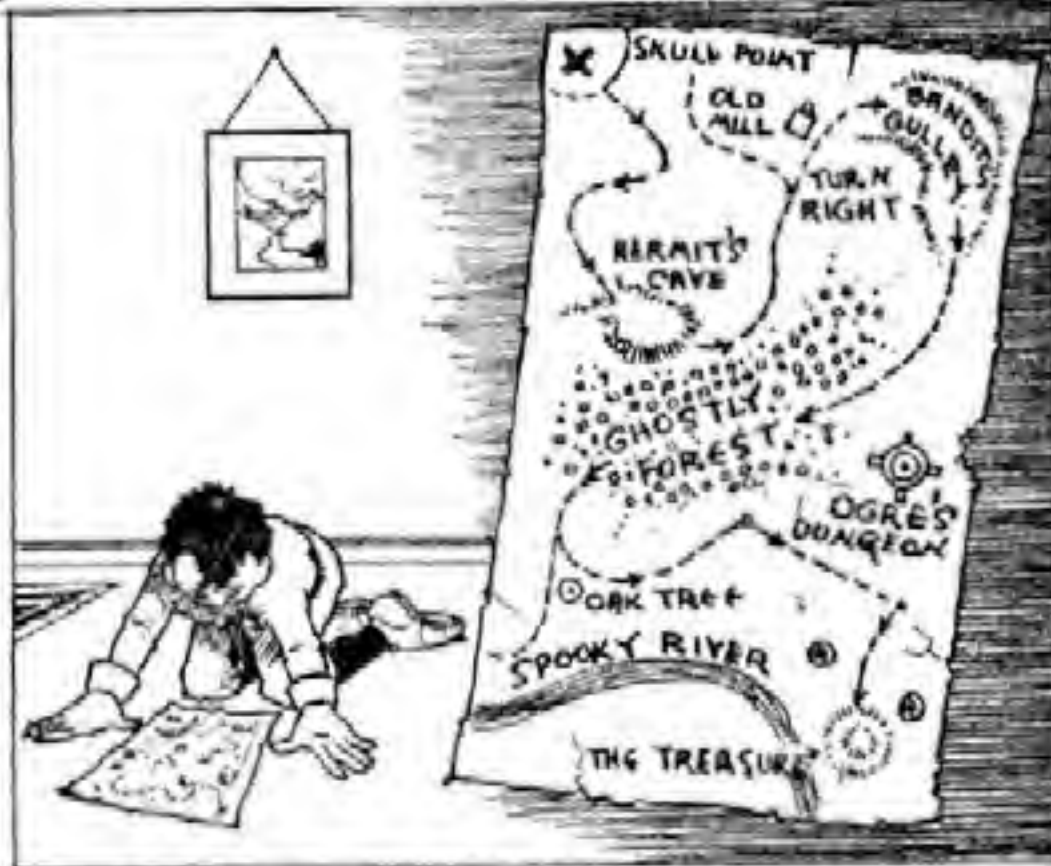
**T**HIS IS NOT TRUE, HOWEVER, OF THE VILLINOUS GIANT. FOR THIS TOWERING MAN LIKES TO FRIGHTEN LITTLE BOYS AND HE MAKES JACK TROUBLE.

**A**ND HERE IS ANOTHER WHO BECOMES AN ENEMY OF JACKS--THE WICKED OGRE--WHO RULES OVER A DUNGEON THAT JACK MUST PASS.

**W**HILE JACKO LIKES LITTLE BOYS AND LEAVES HIS FOREST HOME TO JOIN JACK ON HIS TREASURE HUNT. TOMORROW THE TREASURE HUNT STARTS.



**A** LONG LONG TIME AGO IN THE FAR OFF LAND OF SUPPOZO, THERE LIVED A POOR LITTLE BOY CALLED JACK DAW. HE WAS AN ONLY CHILD AND THE SOLE SUPPORT OF HIS MOTHER.



**B**UT JACK'S FATHER HAD LEFT A MAP SHOWING WHERE THE FAMOUS PIRATE, CAPTAIN CRUISE, BURIED HIS GOLD. JACK STUDIED THE MAP VERY CAREFULLY AND A GREAT IDEA CAME TO HIM.



**J**ACK EXPLAINED THE IDEA TO HIS MOTHER AND FINALLY COAXED HER TO LET HIM HUNT FOR THE HIDDEN TREASURE. HIS MOTHER PACKED HIM LOTS OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT.



**T**HE NEXT MORNING JACK BID HIS MOTHER GOODBYE AND SET OUT ON HIS JOURNEY. OF COURSE FLIP, HIS FAITHFUL DOG, TRAILED ALONG. TOMORROW JACK HAS HIS FIRST ADVENTURE.

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**A**FTER WALKING FOR MILES JACK AND HIS FAITHFUL DOG WERE VERY TIRED. THEY FOUND A GOOD SPOT ALONG THE ROAD AND DECIDED TO TAKE A REST.



**JACK WAS GLAD HIS FATHER TAUGHT HIM HOW TO MAKE A GOOD FIRE. HE WAS VERY HAPPY HE FOUND TWO STICKS AND BURNED THEM TOGETHER AND STARTED A FIRE.**



**THEN HE DECIDED TO PITCH CAMP FOR THE NIGHT. HE BUILT A SHELTER OUT OF TREE BRANCHES AND LEAVES, AND PREPARED FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.**



**A FEROCEOUS BEAR, HUNTING FOR FOOD, CAME NEAR JACK. HE GOT UP WITH A START AND DISCOVERED A PAIR OF GLASSY EYES SHINING OUT OF THE DARKNESS.**



WHEN JACK AWAKENED IN THE MORNING, HE FOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOREST AND THE FOREST WAS OF THE NIGHT BEFORE. IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A FRIENDLY ONE.



AFTER BREAKFAST JACK CONSULTED HIS MAP AND FOUND HE HAD LEFT THE FOREST IN THE OLD MOUNTAIN CASE, SO HE PREPARED TO CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY.



AT LAST, AFTER A LONG WALK, JACK CAME TO A STREAM THAT WAS TOO WIDE TO CROSS AND THE BEST TO WALK TO HE DROVE ON A ROCK IN PLACE ON THE LEFT WAY TO CROSS.



JACK WAS VERY TIRED AND HE DROVE FALL, SLEEPING IN THE FOREST. HE HADN'T BEEN ASLEEP FOR A LONG TIME. HE SAW THAT HE WAS DRIVING IN THE FOREST OF CROSSING THE STREAM.



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**F**LIP LET JACK SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT AND THEN, WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, PAVED AT HIS MASTER UNTIL HE WOKE UP. JACK CAUGHT SOME FISH FOR THEIR BREAKFAST.



**F**AITHFUL FLIP SEEMED TO KNOW THAT JACK WANTED TO CROSS THE STREAM. HE PLUNGED INTO THE WATER TO SHOW JACK THAT HE COULD SWIM ACROSS. FLIP WAS A FINE SWIMMER.



**T**HEN FLIP CAME ASHORE AND TUGGED AT JACK UNTIL THE LITTLE EXPLORER UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WANTED TO CARRY HIM ACROSS THE WATER.



**W**HEN JACK REACHED THE OTHER SIDE HE CAME TO A CROSS ROADS. HIS MAP SHOWED NO DIRECTIONS SO JACK FACED THE NEW PROBLEM OF WHICH WAY TO GO.





**J**ACK DECIDED TO TAKE THE ROAD TO THE RIGHT. FLIP DID NOT WANT TO GO THAT WAY, BUT BEING A FAITHFUL DOG MADE UP HIS MIND TO FOLLOW HIS LITTLE MASTER.



**B**EFORE THE TWO COMPANIONS HAD TRAVELED FAR, THEY WERE STARTLED BY A HIDEOUS MONSTER WHO BLOCKED THEIR PATH. JACK WAS FRIGHTENED AT FIRST —



**B**UT, QUICK AS A FLASH, HE LEVELED HIS RIFLE AND PULLED THE TRIGGER. MUCH TO JACK'S SURPRISE THE BULLETS BOUNCED RIGHT OFF THE MONSTER'S HEAD.



**T**HE MONSTER PICKED JACK UP AND CARRIED HIM OFF, BUT FAILED TO CATCH FLIP, WHO RAN DOWN THE ROAD AS FAST AS HE COULD TO GET HELP. FLIP KNEW THAT JACK WAS IN DANGER.





**A**T LAST FLIP RETURNED WITH THE BANDIT. THE HIDEOUS MONSTER WAS AFRAID OF THE BANDIT'S GUNS, SO HE RAN BACK TO THE HILLS AS FAST AS HE COULD GO.

**T**HE BANDIT QUICKLY JUMPED FROM HIS HORSE AND CUT THE ROPES THAT BOUND JACK TO THE TREE. JACK WAS VERY THANKFUL AND INVITED THE BANDIT TO HAVE SUPPER WITH HIM.



**J**ACK AND HIS NEW FRIEND THEN PREPARED THE EVENING MEAL. AFTER SUPPER THE BANDIT FED AND WATERED HIS HORSE, AND THEN TOLD JACK MANY STORIES OF HIS ADVENTURES.

**S**UDDENLY THE BANDIT JUMPED UP. A GREAT NOISE FROM OVER THE HILL HAD STARTLED HIM. THE HIDEOUS MONSTER WAS RETURNING WITH A BAND OF FIERCE GORILLAS.





THE BANDIT WHEN HE COULD NOT FIGHT THIS SALLY OF THOUGHT, HE QUICKLY JUMPED ON HIS HORSE AND GALLOPED AWAY. JACK WAS ONCE MORE LEFT ALONE.



WHEN THE BANDIT WENT OVER THE HILL, HE TURNED AND THREW A BASTING SHOT AT THE GORILLAS. BUT WITHOUT ANY EFFECT. THE HORRIBLE MONSTER HAD JACK IN HIS CLUTCHES NOW.



THE MONSTER PULLED JACK UP AND ENVELOPED BY HIS HANDS. BUT OVER THE HILL! FOR WAS NOT A WILDLY PARTIAL, NO ONE OF THE GORILLAS HAD TO HELP HIM ALONG WITH A ROPE.



JACK WAS TERRIFIED WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT THE HORRIBLE MONSTER INTENDED TO TAKE HIM INTO CALANITY CAVE. JACK WONDERED WHAT THE MIND OF GORILLAS WAS. GOING TO DO HERE.

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ONCE INSIDE THE CAVE, JACK WAS GREETED BY THE DEVILS WHO GUARDED THE ENTRANCE. JACK, WHOSE FIRST FLIP WAS WITH HIS HAND, WONDERED WHO HAD OFFERED TO HIS PET.



THE HIDEOUS POWSTER FELL HIM, ALONG BY THE ASP, UNTIL JACK THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A PITY. JACK HAD NEVER BEEN SUCH A LONG AND WONDERFUL CAVE.



SUDDENLY THE POWSTER STOPPED. HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO JACK THAT HE WAS TAKING HIM TO THE HOUSE OF THE UNDERGROUND CAVE, THE TERRIBLE DEATH OF DARKNESS.



PUSHING JACK AHEAD, THE HIDEOUS POWSTER, LIKE JACK BEFORE, THE TERRIBLE DEATH JACK, WOULD GO, AND THEN, LAYING UP, AND SAW AN EYE, SHUT UPON THE DARK FROM.



THE DUKE OF DARKNESSY TOOK ALONG TO JACK DAVE, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS POLITENESS AND GOOD MANNERS, HE ORDERED HIM HELPERS TO PREPARE A GOOD MEAL FOR JACK.



AFTER JACK HAD EATEN, THE DUKE CALLED TWO OF HIS MOST FAMOUS MONKIES BEFORE HIM AND HAD THEM STAGE A WRESTLING MATCH. JACK ENJOYED WATCHING THE BRAWLY STRUGGLE.



WHILE THE DUKE WAS TALKING JACK, THE VOICED OF THE UNDERGROUND DAVE, ONE OF THE DUKE'S SECRET AGENTS, RAN UP TO HIM. THE DUKE LEANED OVER TO HEAR HIS REPORT.



THE DUKE OF DARKNESSY AT ONCE CALLED HIS TWO MONKIES, AND ORDERED THEM TO TAKE JACK TO THE TORTURE CHAMBER. JACK COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE DUKE'S CRUELTY THOUGH.





**T**HE DUKE TOLD JACK THAT HIS TRUSTED JAY HAD FOUND OUT THAT JACK OWNED A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF A BURIED TREASURE. "GIVE ME THE MAP," DEMANDED THE DUKE.



**J**ACK REFUSED. THEN THE DUKE OFFERED TO MAKE JACK A PRIZE AND MEET IN COMBAT. OVER HIS BAND OF TRAINED DOGILLATS, IF HE WOULD HAND OVER THE MAP. AGAIN, JACK REFUSED.



**T**HEN THE DUKE PROUDLY CALLED ONE OF HIS DOGILLATS AND ORDERED JACK TAKEN OUT AND TORTURED WITH THE TONGUE OFTEN. JACK WAS BLINDLY FORGOTTEN.



**B**UT WHEN HIS TONGUE STICK WAS USED, IT ONLY MADE JACK LAUGH. THEN THE DUKE ORDERED JACK "GUILTY" STRIPPED FROM HIM, AND THE MAP TAKEN BY FORCE.



**J**ACK FOUND A BIG PIECE OF ROPE AND THIS GAVE HIM THE IDEA FOR A DARING PLAN OF ESCAPE. SO HE HEARD OF THE GORILLA'S COMING WITH HIS BREAKFAST

**T**HE GORILLA ENTERED AND SLAMMED THE DOOR QUICK AS A FLASH. JACK GOT BEHIND HIM, AND THREW HIS LASSO OVER HIS HEAD. THEN HE PULLED THE SLIP KNOT



**J**ACK THEN BOUND AND GAGGED THE GORILLA, AND TOOK THE BEAST'S PASS KEY. THEN HE LOST NO TIME IN UNLOCKING THE CELL DOOR THAT WAS HIS FIRST STEP TOWARDS FREEDOM

**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURER CREEPT SILENTLY THROUGH THE MANY CAVERNS OF THE CAVE AFTER WALKING FOR HOURS JACK BEGAN TO THINK THAT HE WAS LOST



**A**FTER JACK HAD REFUSED ALMOST EVERY NOON AND COULD OF THE OVER, WITHOUT FINDING A WAY, HE DECIDED TO FLIP A COIN. "HEADS, I'LL TURN RIGHT, TAILS, I'LL TURN LEFT," SAID JACK.



**T**HE COIN FELL TAILS, SO JACK TURNED TO THE LEFT. HE HAD NOT GONE VERY FAR BEFORE HE HEARD ONE OF THE GUARDIANS SAY TO JACK, "THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT ROAD."



**J**ACK HAD KNOWN A BERRY COLUMN UNTIL THE GREAT FELL FACT AFTER THEM FOR GREAT FLEETING BEING. THE FANTASY, HOPEFUL THAT THE LAST DANCES, POINT WERE PASSED.



**T**HE THIRD DANCER AT LAST GAVE TO A CRYING, LEANED FORWARD, HE PALEDC, WONDERING WHERE IT LED TO, THEN HE DECIDED TO FIND OUT.





**J**ACK KEPT ON WALKING UP THE STONE STEPS, BUT NOW AND THEN HE PAUSED TO LISTEN, AS HE IMAGINED SOMEONE WAS FOLLOWING HIM. THERE ARE ALWAYS QUEER NOISES IN CAVES



**T**HEN JACK HURRIED ON, AND SOON SAW AHEAD OF HIM, A SHAFT OF LIGHT. AFTER HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER HE DISCOVERED THIS WAS A DOOR LEADING OUT.



**A**T LAST THE LITTLE ADVENTURER MADE HIS ESCAPE FROM CALAMITY CAVE. THE FIRST THING JACK SAW WAS FLIP---TIED TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE



**T**HE POOR DOG WAS TIED FAST, BUT WAS TUGGING AWAY AT THE ROPE, AS HE REALIZED JACK WAS IN DANGER. AN ENORMOUS EAGLE WAS CIRCLING AROUND HIM.





**J**ACK HEARD THE SWISH OF A BIRD'S WINGS AND LOOKED UP AND SAW A VICIOUS EAGLE CIRCLING AROUND HIS HEAD. JACK AT ONCE STARTED TO RUN AS THE EAGLE SWOOPED DOWN.



**I**N THE MEANTIME FLIP WAS STRAINING AT THE ROPE THAT HELD HIM CAPTIVE. FINALLY HE CHEWED THE ROPE APART, AND DASHED UP THE HILL TO TRY AND SAVE HIS LITTLE MASTER.



**J**ACK COULD NOT RUN FAST ENOUGH TO GET AWAY FROM THE FAST FLYING EAGLE, WHO MADE A SWOOP AND CAUGHT JACK, JUST AS FLIP CAME RUNNING UP THE HILL.



**T**HE EAGLE FLEW OFF, CARRYING JACK. FLIP MADE A FLYING LEAP FOR THE BIRD, BUT WAS JUST A SECOND TOO LATE. THEN A MERRY CHASE STARTED.



IT WAS VERY FORTUNATE THAT FLIP WAS A VERY FAST RUNNER, FOR THE EAGLE, THAT WAS CARRYING JACK FLEW LIKE THE WIND. FLIP MANAGED TO JUST KEEP UP WITH HIM.



THE CHASE LASTED FOR CLOSE TO AN HOUR. THEN, AS THE SUN SETTLED DOWN BACK OF THE HILLSIDE, THE EAGLE TURNED TOWARD THE TOP OF A HIGH CLIFF. FLIP HOPED THE BIRD WOULD LAND SHORTLY.



THEN FLIP STOPPED. THE HUGE EAGLE CIRCLED AROUND A FEW TIMES AND SUDDENLY PULLED IN ITS WINGS AND SETTLED DOWN JUST BACK OF A ROCKY CLIFF. JACK WAS OUT OF FLIP'S SIGHT.



THIS ONLY SPURRED THE FAITHFUL DOG ON. HE DETERMINED TO CLIMB THE HILLSIDE AND REACH THE SPOT WHERE THE EAGLE HAD DROPPED. FLIP HAS A THRILLING ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**F**LIP REALIZED HE COULD NOT BATTLE WITH THREE HUNGRY WOLVES, AS HE WAS TIRED FROM CLIMBING AND FROM HIS LAST STRUGGLE, SO HE MADE A FLYING LEAP TO THE MOUNTAIN LEDGE BELOW.



**T**HEN HE HID UNDER SOME BUSHES AND RESTED WHILE WAITING FOR THE WOLVES TO GO AWAY. IN HALF AN HOUR THEY LEFT AND FLIP STARTED ON AGAIN. HE HURRIED AS HE WAS ANXIOUS TO FIND JACK.



**F**LIP SOON REACHED THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND WALKED OUT ON A ROCK AND LOOKED DOWN. THERE WAS JACK, IN THE EAGLES' NEST. THE FAITHFUL DOG HAD FOUND HIS LITTLE MASTER AGAIN.



**F**LIP CREPT SILENTLY DOWN AND HID WHERE HE COULD WATCH THE NEST. HE WAS WAITING FOR THE EAGLE TO FLY AWAY. POOR JACK WAS TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED. FLIP RESCUES JACK IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**F**LIP WAITED UNTIL THE EAGLE HAD GONE, AND THEN BARKED TO ATTRACT JACK'S ATTENTION. THE LITTLE ADVENTURER WAS VERY GLAD THAT HIS FAITHFUL DOG HAD FOLLOWED HIM TO THE EAGLE'S NEST.

**T**HE DOG KEPT SHAKING HIS PAW AT JACK UNTIL HE MADE HIS MASTER UNDERSTAND HIS PLAN. JACK THEN CAUGHT HOLD OF THE DOG'S PAW AND CLIMBED UP OVER THE JAGGED ROCKS TO SAFETY.



**T**HEN THERE WAS A HAPPY REUNION. JACK SHOOK HIS DOG'S PAW HEARTILY, THANKFUL FOR HIS LATEST ESCAPE. THEN THE TWO WALKED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND RESTED UNDER A TREE.

**J**ACK THEN SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF WHY HIS MAP HAD NOT BEEN FOUND ON HIM IN CALAMITY CAVE. IT HAD BEEN TIED TO FLIP'S NECK. JACK STUDIED THE MAP AGAIN, CAREFULLY. THE TREASURE HUNT CONTINUES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



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**A**FTER JACK AND FLIP HAD BEEN HERE FOR HOURS HE FOUND HE WAS NOT QUITE A DISTANCE FROM THE MAIN ROAD. HE DECIDED TO GO BACK TOGETHER, SO HE COULD GO OUT FOR THE TREASURE AGAIN.



**A** HEAVY STORM WAS COMING UP, SO JACK THOUGHT IT BEST TO FIND SHELTER IN THE WOODS. HEARDED HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE WOODS WERE DANGEROUS AND WOULD BECOME A STORM.



**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURES LED FLIP IN A WAY THAT THE STORMY AND LEAVES KEPT THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT. JACK THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO BE A ROAR FROM THE ROAD.



**A** GREAT BOLT OF LIGHTNING CRACKED INTO A TREE, AT THE HEAVY ORB STARTED TO FALL. FLIP CLIMBED IN FRONT OF JACK TO SEE IF THE TREE FELL ON ONE OF FLIP'S FEET. JACK IMMEDIATELY SAW IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**T**HE BIG TREE WAS TOO HEAVY FOR JACK TO LIFT BY HAND, SO HE PRIED IT UP WITH A BIG LIMB. FLIP WHINED APPRECIATION AS HIS PAW WAS RELEASED. THEN JACK BANDAGED IT.



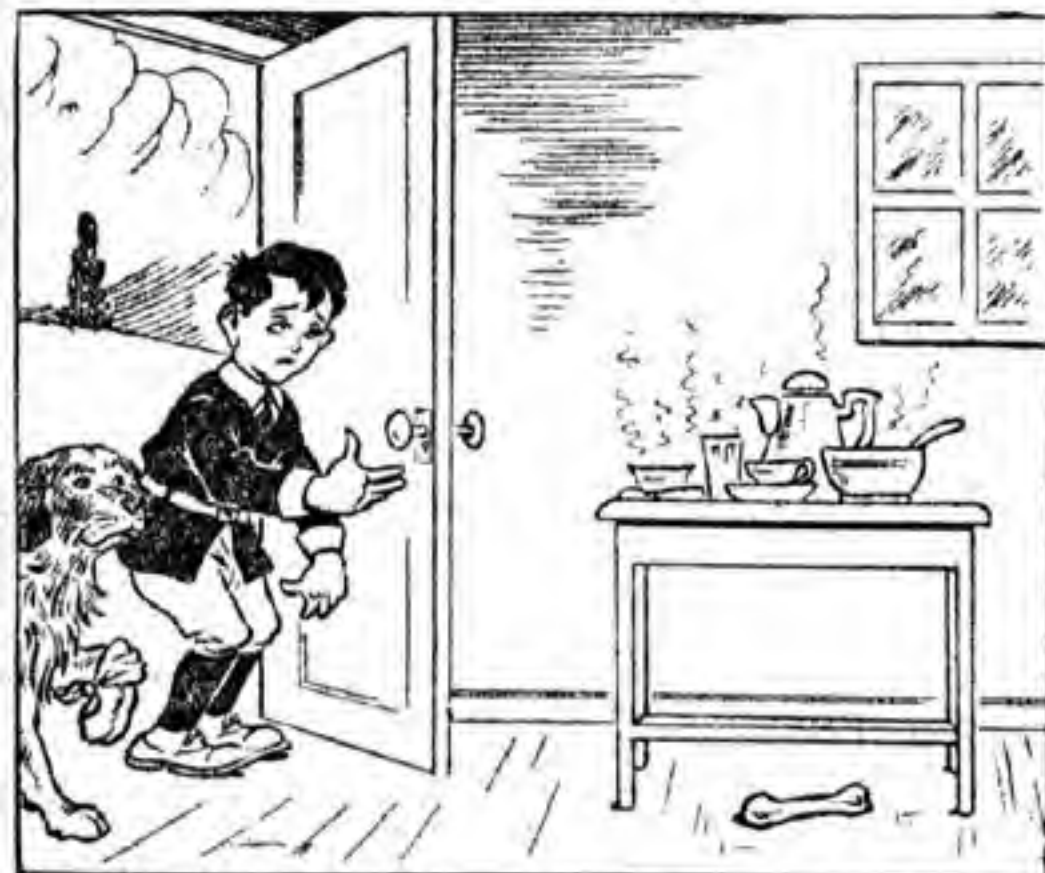
**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURER DID NOT KNOW WHETHER FLIP'S PAW WAS BROKEN OR NOT. HE HURRIED ALONG THE ROAD TO GET HELP. POOR FLIP LIMPED ALONG BEHIND AS BEST HE COULD.



**A**T LAST, OVER THE TOP OF A HILL, JACK SAW A LITTLE CABIN. SMOKE WAS COMING FROM THE CHIMNEY. SOMEBODY MUST BE THERE, THOUGHT JACK, AND THEY WILL FIX FLIP'S INJURED PAW.



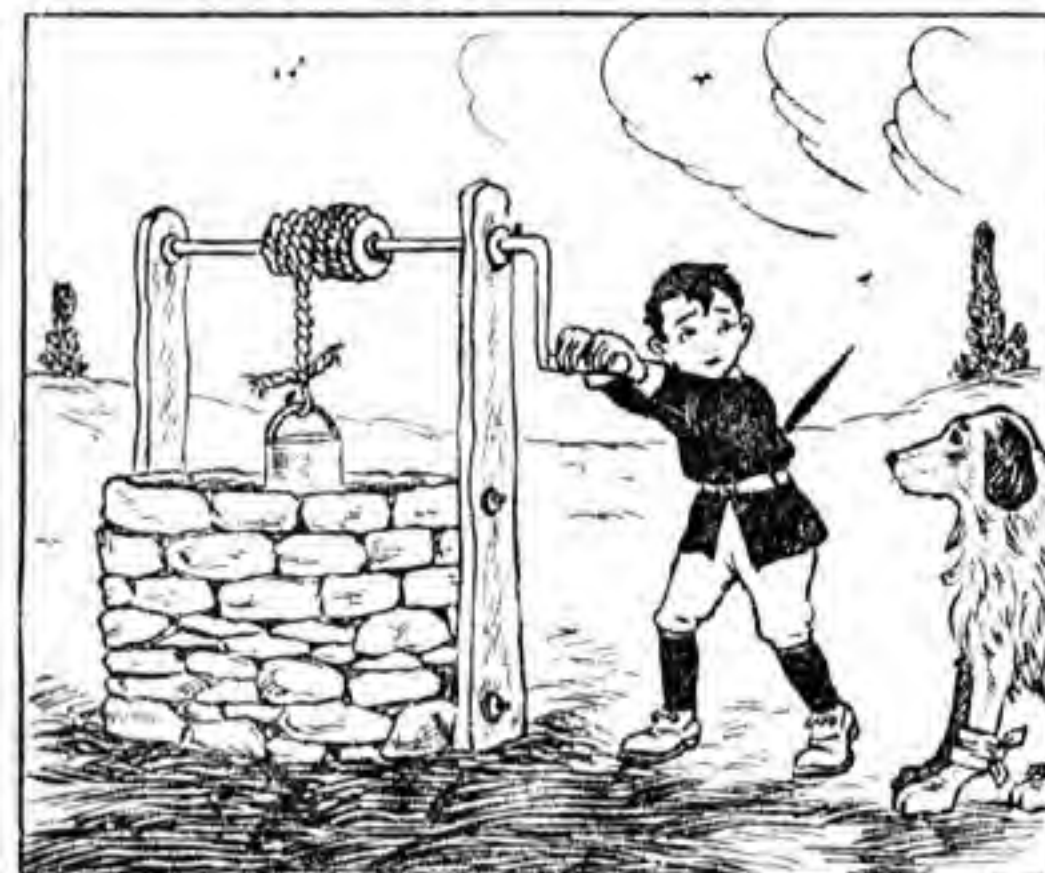
**W**HEN THE CABIN WAS REACHED, JACK KNOCKED ON THE DOOR. THERE WAS NO ANSWER. NEITHER COULD HE HEAR ANYBODY INSIDE, SO JACK PUSHED THE DOOR OPEN. WHAT HE FOUND WILL BE PICTURED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**W**HEN JACK ENTERED THE ROOM HE SAW A SMALL TABLE SET WITH GOOD THINGS TO EAT, AND ALL STEAMING HOT. THERE WAS ALSO A BONE FOR FAITHFUL FLIP.



**J**ACK HAD NOT EATEN A GOOD MEAL FOR SOME TIME, SO HE SAT DOWN AT ONCE AND HELPED HIMSELF. FLIP WAS VERY GLAD TO GET A BONE AND HAD A GOOD TIME ROLLING OVER THE FLOOR WITH IT.



**A**FTER THE TWO TRAVELERS HAD FINISHED THEIR MEAL, JACK TOOK A PAIL AND WENT OUT TO GET SOME WATER. HE INTENDED TO WASH THE DISHES.



**W**HEN JACK GOT BACK, HE FOUND THE DISHES ALL WASHED AND DRIED AND PILED NEATLY ON THE TABLE. THIS LITTLE CABIN WAS JUST LIKE HOME. JACK TRIES TO FIND THE OWNER IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**J**ACK SHOOK HANDS HEARTILY WITH THE OLD MAN. HE WAS GLAD TO MEET A REAL FRIEND AFTER BEING AWAY FROM HOME SO LONG. THEN THE OLD MAN INVITED HIM TO STAY AWHILE.



**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURER PROMISED TO STAY FOR A SHORT TIME. THE OLD MAN HAD TO GO TO HIS LABORATORY UP IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO ASKED JACK TO GO ALONG.



**A** PRETTY SPRY MAN, THOUGHT JACK, WHEN THE OLD FELLOW BEAT JACK TO THE TOP AND THEN HAD TO HELP HIM OVER. FAITHFUL FLIP FOLLOWED SLOWLY ALONG BEHIND.



**W**HEN THEY REACHED THE LABORATORY, JACK WATCHED THE OLD MAN MIX UP HIS CHEMICALS. SUDDENLY A BEAR'S HEAD APPEARED OVER THE HILLS DE. THEN--- CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**J**ACK JUMPED UP AT ONCE AND STARTED DOWN THE HILL. FLIP STOOD HIS GROUND AND BARKED. THE LITTLE ADVENTURER DID NOT LIKE TO LEAVE THE OLD MAN, BUT WAS BADLY FRIGHTENED.



**J**ACK STOPPED AT THE FIRST TREE, AND GOT READY TO CLIMB UP IF THE BEAR FOLLOWED. HE WONDERED WHAT THE OLD MAN WOULD DO. FLIP WILL HELP HIM, THOUGHT JACK.



**H**E WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE OLD MAN COME TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF, WITH HIS HAND ON THE BEAR'S HEAD. THE MYSTERIOUS OLD FELLOW EXPLAINED TO JACK THAT IT WAS A TAME BEAR.



**T**HEN HE SCAMPERS BACK UP THE HILL AS HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF TAME BEARS. THE OLD MAN PUT JACK ON THE BEAR'S BACK, AND HE RODE DOWN TO THE CABIN. JACK HAS MORE ADVENTURES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**J**ACK AND THE OLD MAN WENT BACK TO THE CABIN AND HAD DINNER. THEN THEY SAT OUTSIDE AND THE OLD FELLOW TOLD HIS LITTLE COMPANION MANY STORIES OF HIS ADVENTURES.



**F**INALLY THE OLD MAN TOLD JACK HOW FAST HIS TRAINED BEAR COULD RUN, AND JACK SAID, "I'LL BET MY DOG, FLIP, CAN BEAT HIM." THEN THE OLD FELLOW SUGGESTED A RACE.



**J**ACK WENT OUT IN BACK OF THE CABIN AND ROUNDED UP THE TWO ANIMALS. THEY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR MASTERS WANTED, AND WERE EAGER TO START THE RACE.



**"G**ET READY, SET, GO!" SHOUTED JACK. THE TWO ANIMALS DASHED OFF AT A RAPID PACE, AND BOUNDED ALONG MERRILY SIDE BY SIDE. THE RACE CONTINUES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**B**EFORE THEY STARTED THE TWO ANIMALS ON THEIR RACE, JACK HAD PLACED A BONE NEAR A TREE FIVE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY. THIS WAS TO MARK WHERE THE ANIMALS WERE TO TURN AND RACE BACK.

**F**LIP WAS LEADING BY A GOOD MARGIN WHEN SUDDENLY THE BEAR SWERVED OFF THE COURSE, AND TOOK A SHORT CUT TO THE TREE. THEN HE POUNCED UPON THE BONE.

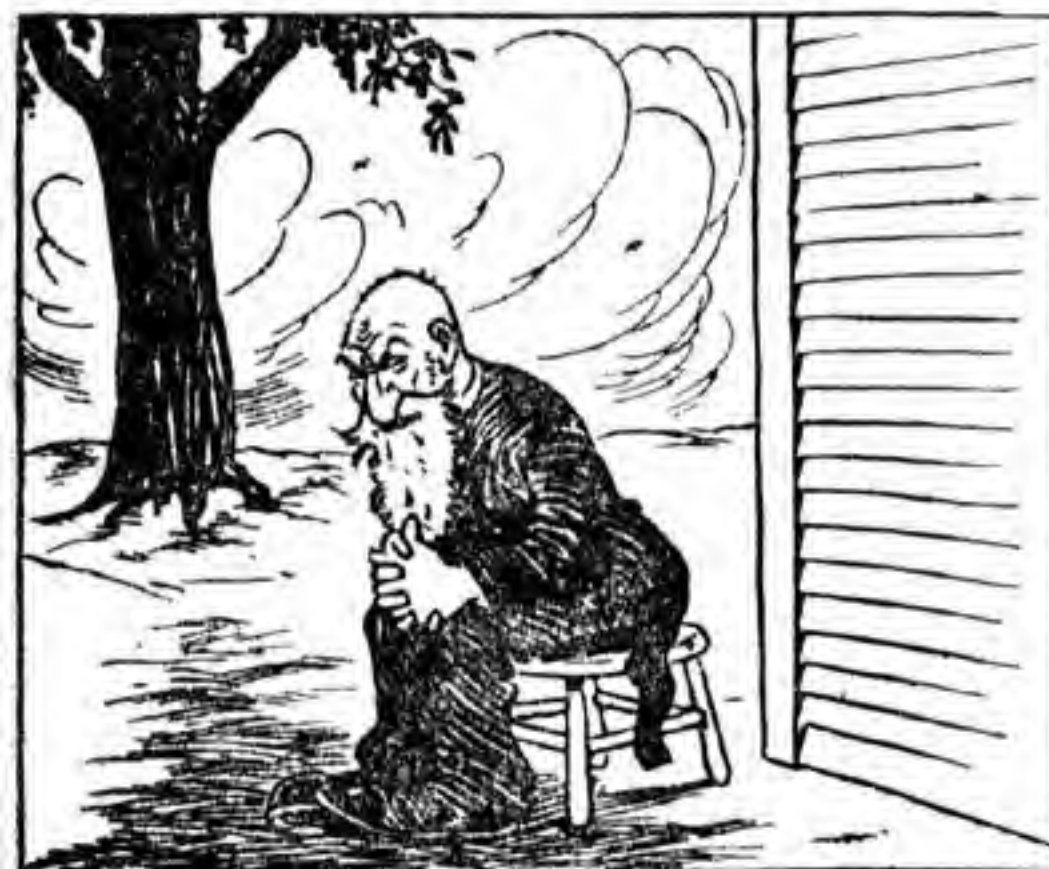


**T**HE BEAR WAS HUNGRY AND INSTEAD OF PICKING UP THE BONE AND RUNNING BACK, HE STOPPED TO CHEW ON IT. A FEW SECONDS LATER, FLIP CAME BOUNDING ALONG AND CIRCLED THE TREE.

**F**LIP KEPT ON RUNNING UNTIL HE REACHED THE FINISH LINE, THE WINNER BY A LARGE MARGIN. JACK HAD THE LAUGH ON THE OLD FELLOW, BUT THE TABLES ARE TURNED IN THE NEXT CHAPTERS.

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**T**HE OLD FELLOW WAS A VERY LONESOME MAN, AND WANTED JACK TO POSTPONE HIS TREASURE HUNT FOR A FEW DAYS. SO HE TRIED TO THINK OF A PLAN TO KEEP HIM.



**H**E FINALLY HAD AN IDEA AND CALLED JACK OVER TO HIM. JACK LIKED THE OLD MAN, BUT WAS ANXIOUS TO GET STARTED AGAIN. HOWEVER, HE CONSENTED TO LISTEN TO THE PLAN.



**Y**OUR DOG BEAT MY TRAINED BEAR SO I'LL RACE YOU MYSELF," SAID THE OLD MAN. "IF YOU WIN YOU GO, AND IF I WIN YOU STAY WITH ME FOR A WEEK." JACK AGREED TO THE IDEA.



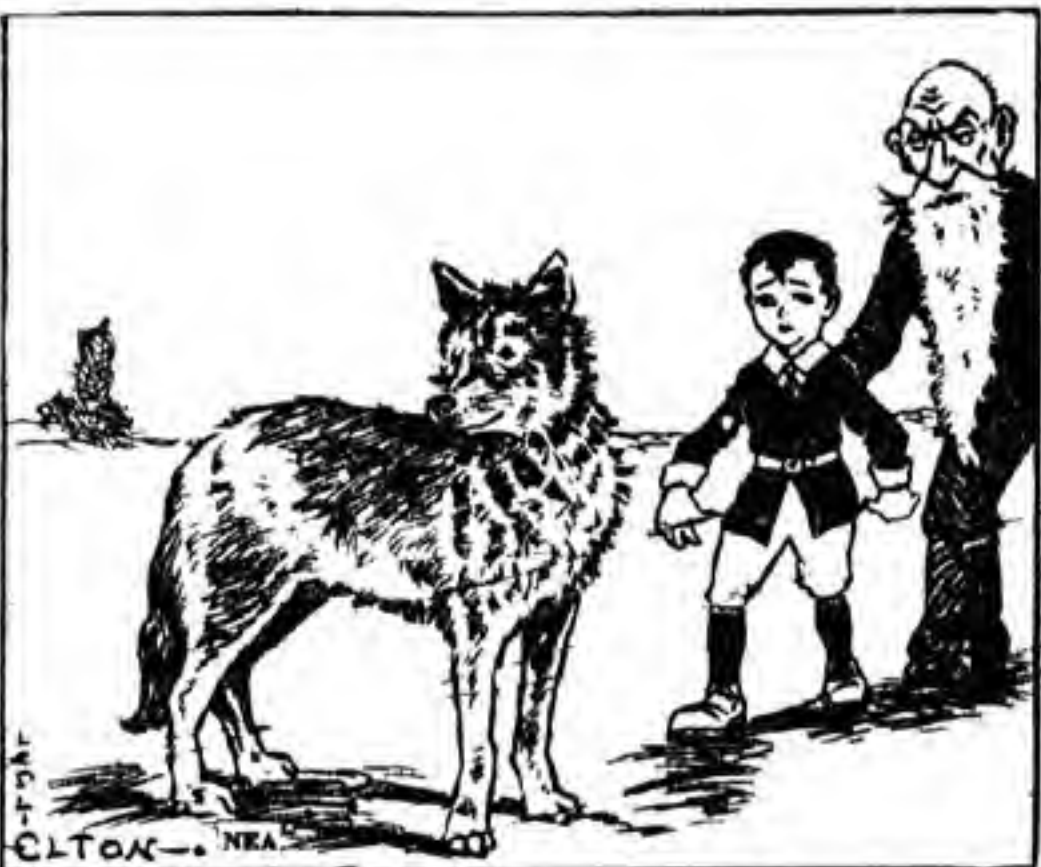
**T**HEY WERE TO RUN FIVE HUNDRED STEPS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, THEN TURN AND RUN BACK. "GET ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!" THEY CRIED, AND STARTED OFF. THE RACE CONTINUES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





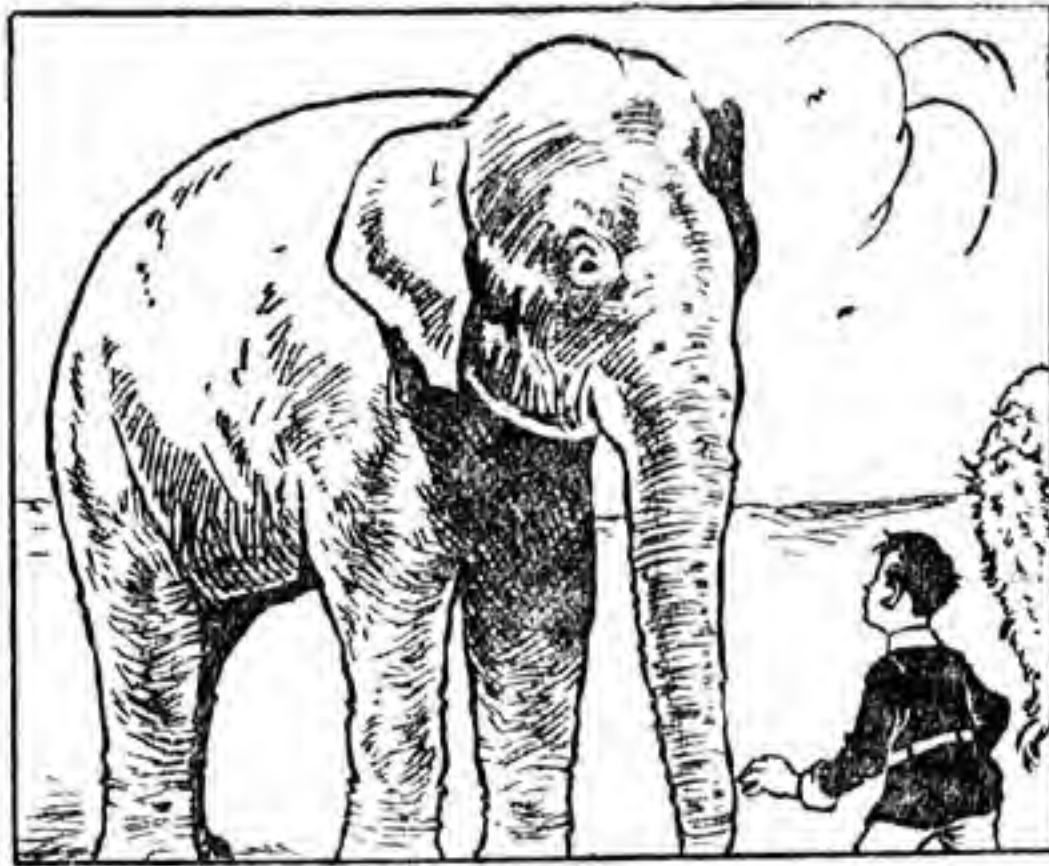
**L**ITTLE JACK HAD OFTEN WONDERED WHY THE MYSTERIOUS OLD MAN WAS NEVER AFRAID TO STAY OUT IN THE OPEN COUNTRY. THERE MUST BE WILD ANIMALS HERE, THOUGHT JACK. SO HE ASKED ABOUT IT.

**"W**ELL," SAID HIS AGED FRIEND, "IF YOU TREAT ANIMALS RIGHT THEY WILL NEVER HARM YOU. I KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF ALL THE ANIMALS AND CAN CALL THEM TO ME AT ANY TIME. NOW, WATCH A DEER COME."



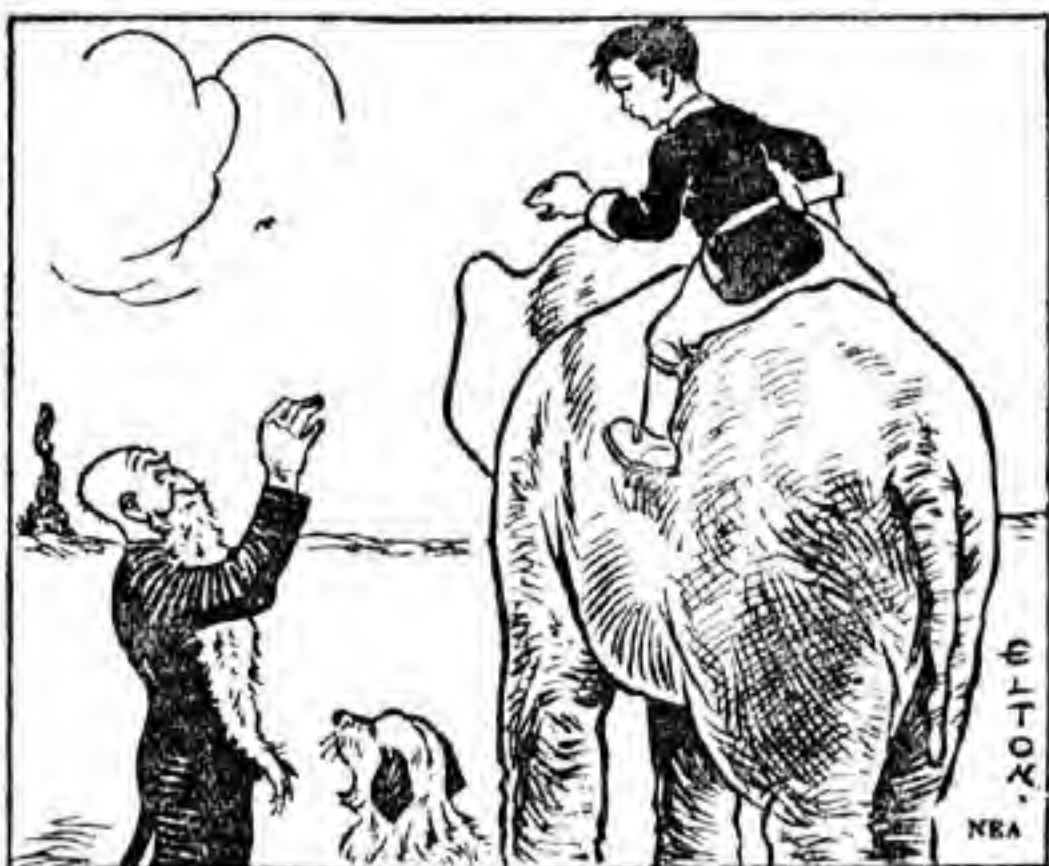
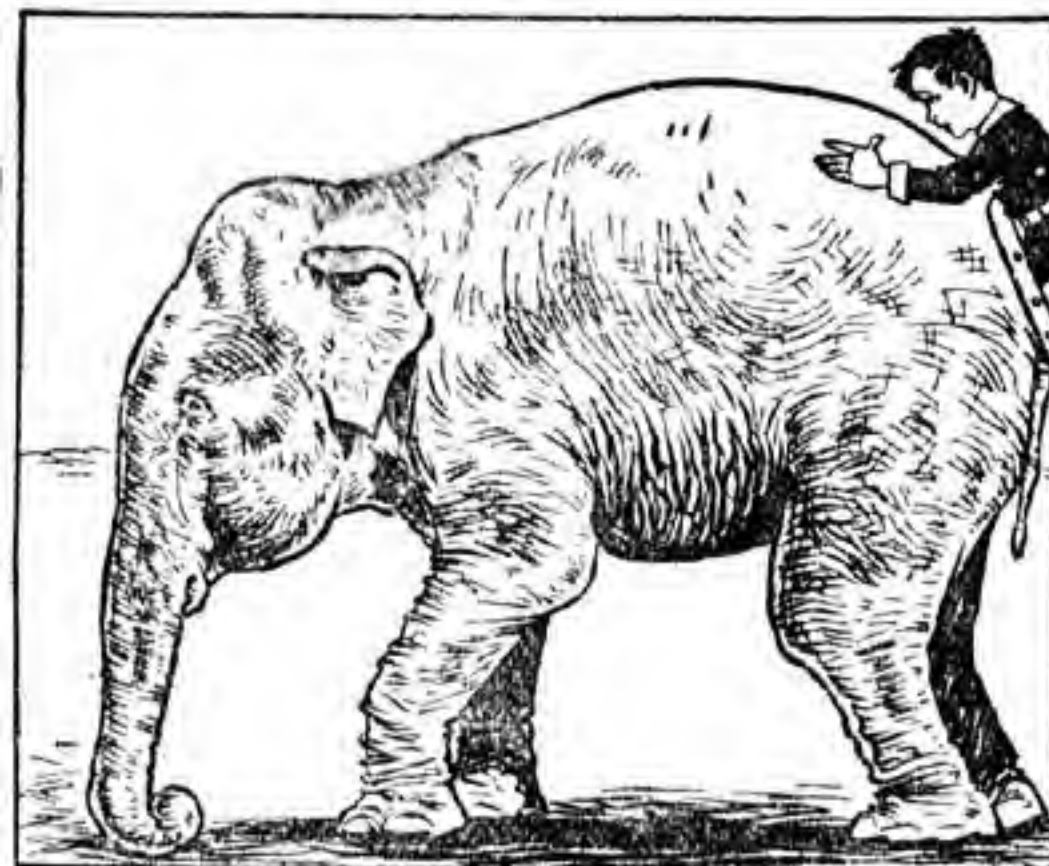
**A**ND SURE ENOUGH, SHORTLY AFTER THE OLD MAN SHOUTED A STately DEER APPEARED IN THE DISTANCE AND CAME RUNNING RAPIDLY TO WHERE THEY WERE STANDING. "NOW WE'LL CALL A WOLF," SAID THE OLD FELLOW.

**J**ACK WAS A BIT FRIGHTENED WHEN THE WOLF CAME, BUT THE ANIMAL ONLY LICKED HIS HANDS. "TOMORROW," SAID THE OLD MAN, "I'LL CALL AN ELEPHANT AND HE CAN TAKE YOU PART WAY ALONG ON YOUR TREASURE HUNT."



**T**RUE TO HIS WORD, THE MYSTERIOUS OLD MAN, ROSE EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AND PREPARED TO SUMMON ONE OF THE HUGE ELEPHANTS THAT LIVED NEAR HIS CABIN. JACK WATCHED HIM WITH MUCH INTEREST.

**A** FEW CLAPS OF THE HANDS AND JACK WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE ELEPHANT APPROACH. "MY, BUT HE'S A BIG FELLOW," SAID JACK. "BUT HE IS VERY TAME," REPLIED THE OLD MAN.



**J**ACK PREPARED TO LEAVE THE OLD FELLOW, AND CALLED TO FLIP, WHO HAD BEEN PLAYING WITH A PET BEAR. A LADDER WAS PLACED AGAINST THE ELEPHANT'S BACK AND JACK CLIMBED UP.

**A**LMOST IMMEDIATELY THE BIG LUMBERING ANIMAL STARTED AWAY. "TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF," SHOUTED THE OLD MAN. AND ONCE MORE JACK WAS AWAY ON HIS TREASURE HUNT CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.

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**A**FTER JACK BID THE ELEPHANT GOODBYE, HE WALKED ON UP THE ROAD. THE LITTLE ADVENTURER WANTED TO MAKE UP LOST TIME, SO WALKED BRISKLY. FAITHFUL FLIP SEEMED TO BE IN A HURRY TOO.



**S**UDDENLY JACK TURNED. THE CLATTER OF HORSE'S HOOF SOUNDED FROM THE DISTANCE. A LONE HORSEMAN WAS DRIVING MADLY UP THE ROAD. JACK QUICKLY DODGED BEHIND A TREE.



**T**HE HORSE AND RIDER FLASHED BY LIKE THE WIND. JACK THOUGHT HE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH AN ODD-LOOKING RIDER, AND WONDERED WHERE HE WAS GOING AND WHAT MISCHIEF HE WAS UP TO.



**T**HEN HE WATCHED THE FLYING HORSEMAN DISAPPEAR IN THE DISTANCE IN A DUST CLOUD. JACK THEN MADE UP HIS MIND TO CONTINUE UP THE ROAD. JACK GETS A REAL THRILL IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**A**FTER THE LAST HORSEMAN HAD DISAPPEARED DOWN THE ROAD JACK AND FLIP RAN ALONG THE NARROW HIGHWAY AS FAST AS THEY COULD GO. THE LITTLE TRAVELLER WAS GETTING SHORT OF BREATH. JUST THEN HE HEARD ANOTHER HORSE.



**J**ACK TURNED AND SAW A FAST FLYING RIDER, WITH ARM OUTSTRETCHED. THE BOY WONDERED WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO. JACK KEPT ON RUNNING, HOWEVER, BUT WAS NO MATCH FOR THE SPEEDY HORSE.



**Q**UICK AS A FLASH THE RIDER REACHED DOWN AND GRABBED JACK AROUND THE WAIST AND LIFTED HIM UP ON HIS HORSE'S BACK. "DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, SONNY," SAID THE MAN, "WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU."



**T**HE RIDER WENT A FEW MILES FARTHER, THEN TURNED OFF THE ROAD AND HEADED BACK OVER THE HILLS. HE SOON REACHED THE OUTPOST, WHO DEMANDED THE COUNTERSIGN. IN THE NEXT CHAPTER JACK MEETS THE LEADER OF THE WILD HORSEMEN.





**T**HE RIDER GAVE THE COUNTERSIGN AND ENTERED THE GUARDED CAMP. THEN HE DISMOUNTED AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO JACK AS 'WILD BILL.' "COME WITH ME," HE SAID, "I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE CHIEF."

**W**ILD BILL THEN TOLD JACK THE BAND NEEDED AN EXTRA MAN FOR A LOOKOUT. "ALL HANDS" WILL SOON BE BUSY," HE SAID, "AND I THINK YOU'LL DO." JACK WONDERED IF HE WOULD LIKE THE CHIEF.



**J**ACK WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE CHIEF WAS THE BANDIT WHOM HE HAD MET BEFORE. THE LITTLE ADVENTURER REMEMBERED HOW THIS MAN HAD TRIED TO RESCUE HIM FROM THE GORILLAS!

**J**ACK WAS VERY GLAD TO HELP HIM, AND PROMISED TO CALL ONE OF THE BAND AS SOON AS HE SPIED ANYONE COMING. IN THE NEXT CHAPTER, JACK SPIES A NEWCOMER, BUT FAILS TO CALL THE BAND.





**T**HIS WAS THE FIRST TIME JACK USED SUCH A FINE BIG TELESCOPE, AND HE ENJOYED LOOKING OVER THE HILLS AND VALLEYS. THE POWERFUL GLASS BROUGHT THE DISTANT ROADS RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES.

**J**ACK THEN FOCUSED THE TELESCOPE ON A ROAD A GOOD MANY MILES AWAY, AND WAS SURPRISED AND DELIGHTED TO SEE FAITHFUL FLIP RUNNING ALONG AT A FAST CLIP.



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**T**HEN HE LEANED OVER THE EDGE OF THE HILL AND WHISTLED FOR FLIP, WHO BARKED HIS ANSWER, AND THEN SCAMPED UP THE HILL. NO ONE COULD KEEP THESE TWO LITTLE PALS APART VERY LONG.

**J**ACK WAS SO GLAD TO SEE HIS FAITHFUL DOG AGAIN THAT HE FORGOT TO NOTIFY THE BAND OF A NEW ARRIVAL. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE DOG IS DISCOVERED, IS DESCRIBED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.



**S**HORTLY AFTER, ONE OF THE HORSEMAN APPROACHED JACK AND QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT FLIP. JACK TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT WHERE HE WENT FLIP ALWAYS TRAILED ALONG. HE WAS JACK BEST FRIEND.



**T**HEN THE MAN LEFT AND SHORTLY RETURNED WITH MORE OF THE HORSEMEN. THEY ALL HELD A DISCUSSION OVER THE DOG. WHAT SHOULD THEY DO WITH HIM? "BETTER TAKE HIM TO THE CHIEF," SAID ONE.



**W**HEN THE REST ALL AGREED THAT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, JACK AND FLIP WERE MARCHED DOWN THE HILLSIDE. ONE OF THE HORSEMEN STAYED BEHIND TO KEEP WATCH IN JACK'S PLACE.



**W**HEN FLIP SAW THE CHIEF HE REMEMBERED HIM AND RAN UP AND LICKED HIS HAND. THIS PLEASED THE CHIEF, AND THEREFOR FLIP WAS ALLOWED TO STAY IN CAMP. JACK WENT BACK TO HIS POST. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.





WHEN SUPPER TIME ROLLED AROUND A HORSEMAN CAME UP ON THE HILLSIDE AND TOOK JACK'S PLACE. JACK WAS GLAD TO RUN DOWN TO CAMP AND EAT THE MEN HAD ALREADY GIVEN FLIP A BONE



THE DOG WAS MUNCHING AWAY AT IT WHEN HIS LITTLE MASTER ARRIVED. JACK WAS VERY INTERESTED IN WATCHING THE MEN COOK THE EVENING MEAL THEN ALL SAT DOWN TO ENJOY THE FOOD.



WHEN SUPPER WAS FINISHED THE MEN SAT AROUND TELLING OF THEIR EXPERIENCES. A BIG CAMP FIRE WAS MADE AND JACK HUSTLED ABOUT, PICKING UP STICKS TO KEEP IT BURNING.



JUST AS THE LAST EMBERS WERE DYING OUT, THE LOOK-OUT WHO HAD TAKEN JACK'S PLACE, RUSHED UP THERE IS A BIG TROOP OF HORSEMEN COMING TOWARDS OUR CAMP. SAID HE. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.



**T**HE APPROACH OF STRANGE HORSEMEN SET THE WHOLE CAMP IN AN UPROAR. SEVERAL MEN RUSHED TO THE LOOKOUT POST TO SPY ON THEM. THE CHIEF GAZED THROUGH HIS MONSTER TELESCOPE.

**S**URE ENOUGH SHOUTED THE CHIEF, "THEY ARE HEADED THIS WAY. EVERY MAN MAKE FOR THE MOUNTAIN DUGOUT SO THEY CAN'T FIND US." AND THEN CAME A HURRIED DEPARTURE.



**T**HE RACE DOWN THE MOUNTAIN SIDE WAS THRILLING TO JACK. HE HAD NEVER TRAVELED SO FAST. FLIP SEEMED STARTLED TOO. AS HE RACED ALONG BEHIND THE FAST RUNNING HORSES.

**A**RRIVING AT THE DUGOUT THE MEN ALL DISMOUNTED AND HID THEIR HORSES BEHIND THE TREES. THEN THEY ALL HURRIED OUT OF SIGHT THEMSELVES. JACK SEES THE STRANGE HORSEMEN IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.

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**G**EE BUT THIS IS FUN," SAID JACK. "BE QUIET THERE," SNAPPED THE CHIEF, "DO YOU WANT THEM TO FIND US?" THEN JACK PEEKED OUTSIDE AND SAW HORSEMEN ALL ABOUT THE DUGOUT.



**I**T LOOKED AS IF THE STRANGE RIDERS' WOULD TRAMPLE RIGHT INTO THE HIDING PLACE. SUDDENLY, HOWEVER, THE LEADER ORDERED HIS MEN TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN CAMP AND GIVE UP THE SEARCH.



**W**E WERE LUCKY THAT TIME," SAID THE CHIEF, "THEY DIDN'T SEE US AT ALL." THEN THINGS REMAINED QUIET UNTIL THE STRANGE HORSEMEN HAD TRAVELED FAR AWAY.



**S**HORTLY JACK WAS ORDERED BACK TO THE LOOKOUT POST FOR THE NIGHT WATCH. FLIP FOLLOWED JACK UP THE HILLSIDE AND JACK WAS GLAD BECAUSE THE DOG WAS GOOD COMPANY. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.



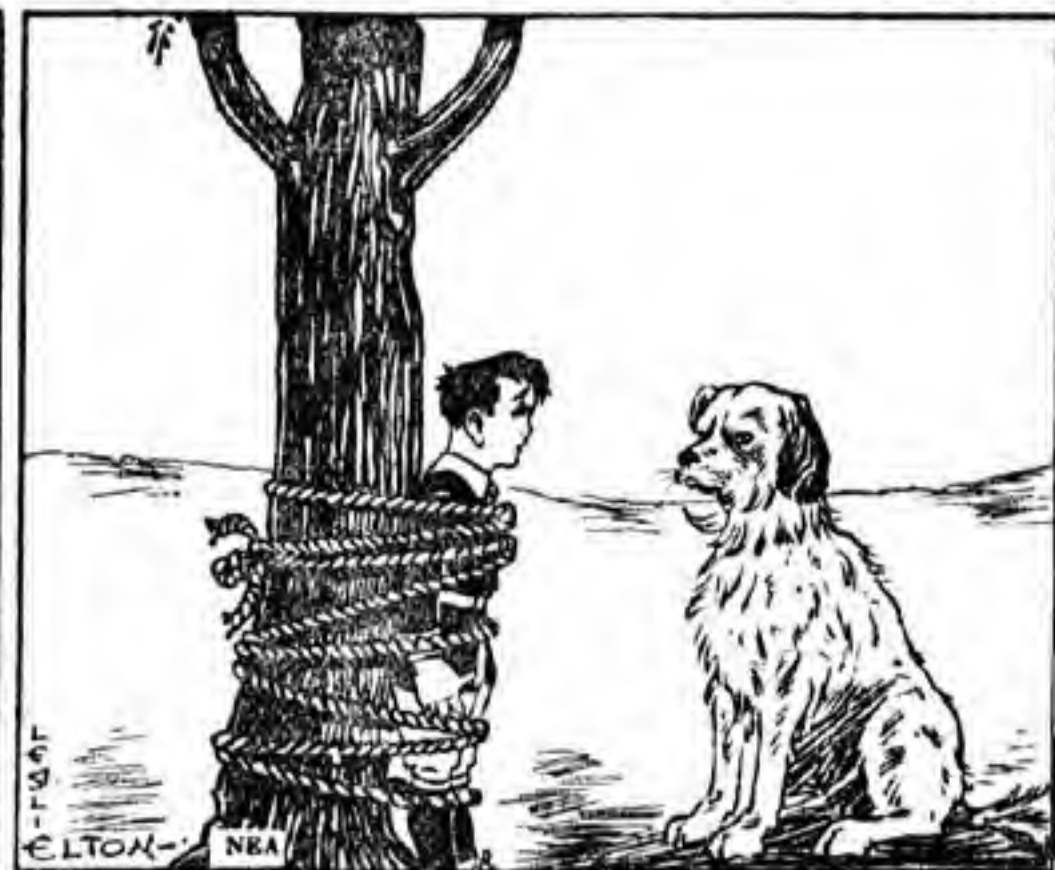
ALL NIGHT LONG JACK WAS KEPT ON WATCH. IT WAS A TRYING THING FOR SUCH A LITTLE BOY, AND WHEN ONE OF THE HORSEMEN SUDDENLY APPEARED HE FOUND BOTH JACK AND FLIP SOUND ASLEEP.



THIS MADE THE HORSEMAN ANGRY AND HE CALLED THE OTHERS TO THE SCENE. THEN THEY AWAKENED JACK. POOR LITTLE FELLOW! HE WAS PRETTY FRIGHTENED AS THE MEN STARED AT HIM.



FASTEN HIM TO A TREE AND KEEP HIM THERE UNTIL THE CHIEF RETURNS," SAID ONE OF THE MEN. FLIP BARKED AT THEM, BUT THEY FOUGHT HIM OFF AND TIED JACK UP WITH A GOOD STOUT ROPE.



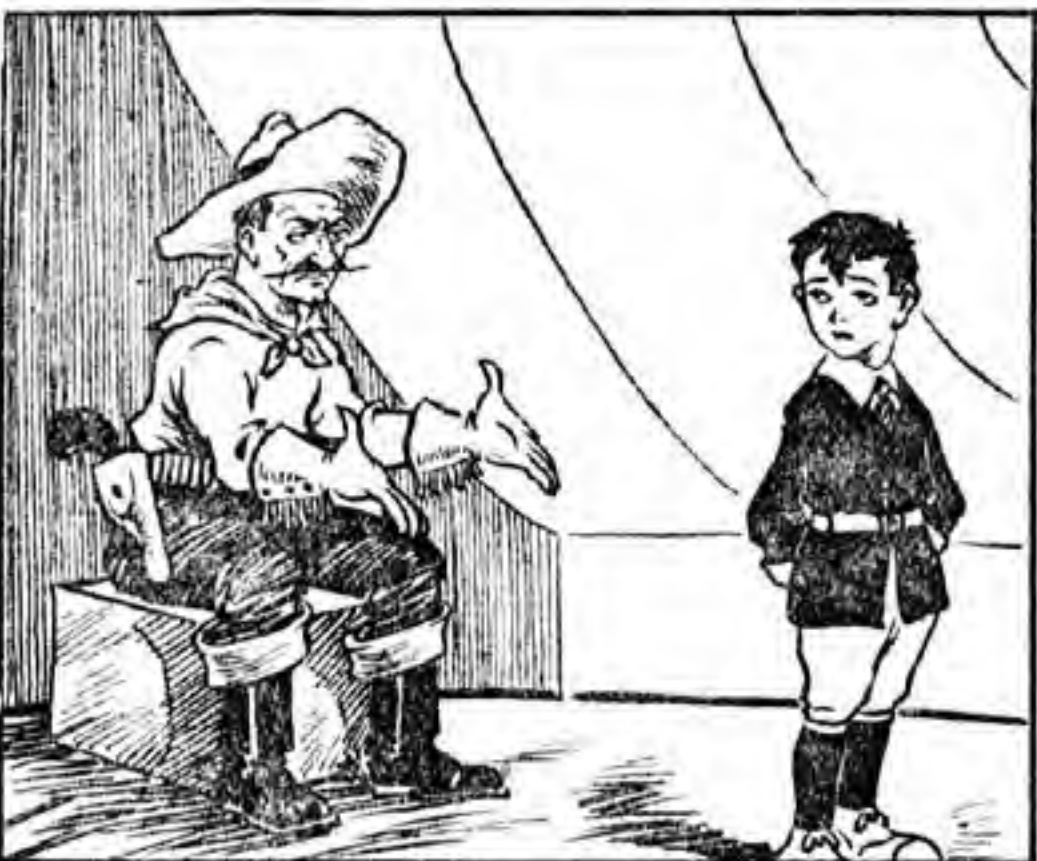
THE LITTLE ADVENTURER, OF COURSE, DID NOT KNOW THAT THE MEN DIDN'T INTEND TO HURT HIM. THEY WERE ONLY TRYING TO TEACH HIM A LESSON. HE GETS A LECTURE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





WHEN THE CHIEF RETURNED TO THE CAMP, HE WAS INFORMED BY HIS MEN THAT JACK HAD FALLEN ASLEEP ON HIS LOOKOUT POST. HE WENT OVER TO WHERE JACK WAS TIED, LOOKING VERY SERIOUS.

"I'LL TAKE YOU TO MY TENT!" SAID THE CHIEF. SO JACK WAS MARCHED DOWN THE HILLSIDE ONCE MORE AND ORDERED INSIDE THE CHIEF'S PRIVATE SLEEPING QUARTER'S. JACK WALKED AHEAD AND ENTERED.



WHEN THE LEADER CAME, JACK THOUGHT HE LOOKED REAL STERN. BUT THE MAN ONLY EXPLAINED TO JACK HOW WRONG IT WAS FOR ANYONE TO SLEEP WHILE ON DUTY. "NEVER DO THAT AGAIN" SAID THE CHIEF.

"I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME," HE CONTINUED, "AND TO SHOW YOU THAT WE ARE STILL FRIENDS, I'LL MAKE YOU A PRESENT OF THIS FINE LASSO." JACK USES THE LASSO IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**T**HE FIRST THING, NEXT MORNING, JACK WAS SENT BACK TO THE LOOKOUT POST. HE HAD BEEN THERE BUT A SHORT TIME WHEN HE SAW A MAN WALKING ALONG THE LEDGE JUST BELOW.

**J**ACK HAD NEVER SEEN THIS MAN BEFORE AND THOUGH HE LOOKED LIKE A FRIENDLY FELLOW, JACK DECIDED TO PLAY SAFE AND TRY TO CAPTURE HIM. HE HID BEHIND A TREE AS THE MAN CAME NEARER.



**A**S THE MAN GOT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF JACK, THE LITTLE ADVENTURER TOSSED OUT THE LASSO THE CHIEF HAD GIVEN HIM AND CAUGHT THE MAN AROUND HIS SHOULDERS. IT HELD THE MAN'S ARMS TIGHT.

**M**AYBE YOU'RE A FRIEND, SAID JACK, BUT I'M NOT SURE, SO I WILL HAVE TO TAKE YOU BEFORE THE CHIEF. THE MAN THOUGHT JACK WAS JUST PLAYING SO WENT ALONG. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.



**W**HEN JACK WALKED INTO CAMP WITH HIS PRISONER, THE HORSEMEN JUMPED FOR JOY. "TAKE THIS MAN OVER, AND TIE HIM TO A TREE," SAID THE CHIEF. "AND YOU, JACK, WATCH OVER HIM."



**T**HIS WAS DONE AND THE MEN ALL LEFT, LEAVING JACK AND FLIP TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE PRISONER. JACK LIKED THE MAN AND STARTED TO TALK TO HIM. "HOW DID YOU COME TO JOIN THESE MEN?" ASKED THE PRISONER.



**J**ACK THEN TOLD HIM OF HIS PAST ADVENTURES. "WELL, SONNY, YOU'VE MADE A SAD MISTAKE," SAID THE FRIENDLY MAN. "ALL THESE MEN ARE CATTLE RUSTLERS. THEY STEAL OTHER FOLK'S HORSES AND CATTLE."



**J**ACK WAS VERY MUCH SURPRISED. HE HAD THOUGHT THE HORSEMEN WERE ALL GOOD MEN. "I'LL HELP YOU TO ESCAPE RIGHT NOW," SHOUTED JACK. "NO," SAID THE MAN, "WAIT UNTIL LATER." CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.





HERE COMES THE CHIEF BACK AGAIN SAID JACK, A FEW MINUTES LATER. I WONDER WHAT HE WANTS. I SUPPOSE WE HAD BETTER PRETEND WE ARE STILL ENEMIES. THEN THE CHIEF SWAGGERED UP.



WELL JACK, SAID THE CHIEF, AS HE WINKED AT THE HELPLESS PRISONER, MY MEN AND I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT UP THE ROAD, YOU WATCH OVER THE CAMP UNTILL WE GET BACK.



HURRY DOWN TO THAT ADDRESS, SAID THE PRISONER, AS SOON AS THE CHIEF HAD GONE. THEY ARE ALL MY MEN, SO TELL THEM OF THE FIX I'M IN. THEY HAD BETTER HURRY OR THE CHIEF WILL ROB THE OLD RANCHER.



DONT WORRY, I'LL BRING THEM BACK ON TIME, SAID JACK AS HE LEFT THE PRISONER. THEN HE WENT OVER, AND JUMPED ON ONE OF THE HORSES THE CHIEF HAD LEFT, AND STARTED OFF. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.

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**J**ACK RACED THE SPEEDY HORSE AS FAST AS HE COULD GO, AND SOON PULLED UP AT THE ADDRESS THE SHERIFF HAD GIVEN HIM. THEN THE LITTLE ADVENTURER HASTI-



**T**HEN HE RAN UP TO THE DOOR AND POUNDED ON IT AS HARD AS HE COULD. "HURRY AND OPEN THE DOOR," SHOUTED JACK. SHORTLY HE HEARD FOOTSTEPS. JACK WAS IMPATIENT AND EXCITED SO COULD HARDLY WAIT.



**P**EDRO LOPEZ, THE MOUNTAIN BANDIT, HAD CAPTURED THE SHERIFF, SAID JACK, WHEN THE MEN LOOKED OUT. "HE IS TIED TO A TREE, AND THE BANDIT AND HIS MEN HAVE STARTED OUT TO ROB AN OLD RANCHER."



**L**ETS GO, CRIED THE MEN IN UNISON AS THEY DASHED OUT AND JUMPED ON THEIR HORSES. JACK WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE SHERIFF SO QUICK IT TOOK HIS BREATH AWAY. CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**J**ACK LED THE MEN BACK TOWARDS WHERE THE SHERIFF WAS TIED, AT A RAPID CLIP. HE KNEW THE POSSE WAS OUTNUMBERED BY THE BANDIT'S MEN, AND HE WONDERED WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE.

**T**HE SHERIFF WAS SURPRISED AT JACK'S QUICK WORK AND PRAISED THE LITTLE ADVENTURER HIGHLY TO HIS MEN. THEN ONE OF THE POSSE CUT THE ROPES THAT BOUND THE OLD FELLOW TO THE TREE.



**H**URRY, SAID THE MAN, LET'S GET STARTED. THE SHERIFF REPLIED THAT HE FELT PRETTY STIFF FROM BEING TIED UP SO LONG, BUT I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A MINUTE, HE SAID. THEN THEY JOINED THE OTHERS.

**T**HE ROAD THEY FOLLOWED LED THEM OVER HILLY MOUNTAINOUS RANGES. JACK FORGOT THE CHASE FOR A MOMENT TO ADMIRE THE WONDERFUL SCENERY. THE CHASE CONTINUES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.





**W**HEN THE POSSE NEARED THE OLD RANCHER'S HOUSE, THE SHERIFF GAVE ORDERS TO HALT. THE MEN THEN DISMOUNTED AND CAME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.



**T**HE SHERIFF THEN ASSIGNED HIS MEN TO POSITIONS SO THAT THE OLD RANCHER'S HOME WAS ENTIRELY SURROUNDED. HE GAVE ORDERS TO JACK TO STAY IN THE REAR AND WATCH OVER THE HORSES.



**E**ACH MAN THEN CREEPT CAUTIOUSLY TO HIS APPOINTED PLACE, AS ANY ADVANTAGE HE COULD GAIN WOULD MEAN A GREAT DEAL, BECAUSE PEDRO LOPEZ AND HIS BAND OF CATTLE RUSTLERS WERE KNOWN AS BOLD AND FEARLESS MEN.



**I**N THE MEANTIME JACK STAYED BEHIND AND WATCHED OVER THE HORSES. FLIP SOON JOINED HIM AND RESTED AS HE WAS TIRED FROM RUNNING AFTER THE FLYING POSSE. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.





**J**ACK WALKED AROUND AND KEPT HIS EYES ON THE HORSES. SUDDENLY HE HEARD THE SHARP LOUD BARK OF A REVOLVER. HE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE ANIMALS FOR A MOMENT AND INVESTIGATE.



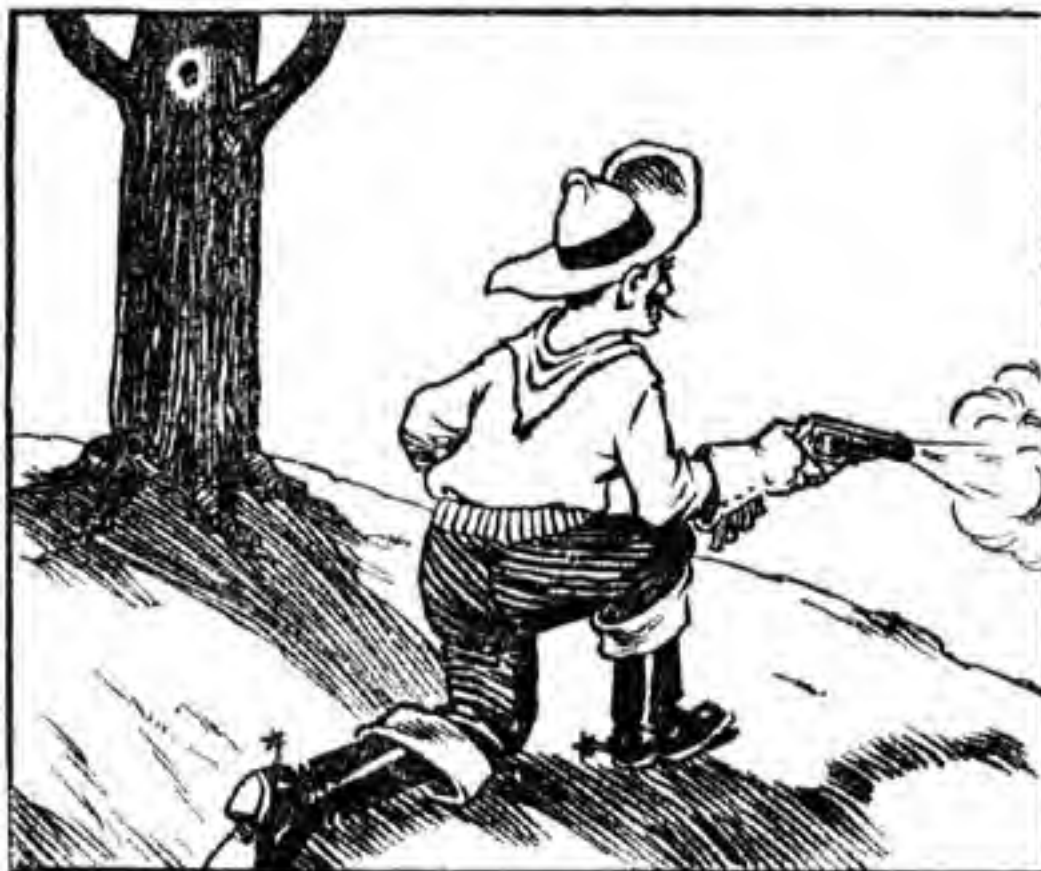
**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURER TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO FLIP WHAT HE WANTED. THE INTELLIGENT DOG SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND SO JACK LEFT THE HORSES IN HIS CARE. THEN HE HURRIED UP THE LITTLE HILL.



**J**ACK LAYED DOWN FULL LENGTH UPON THE GROUND AND PEERED OVER THE CLIFF. ALL WAS BUSTLE AND EXCITEMENT BELOW. THEN HE HASTILY DREW BACK HIS HEAD AS SOMEONE WAS CLIMBING UP THE HILL.



**T**HE BOY QUICKLY HID BEHIND A TREE. HE HEARD THE MAN CLIMB OVER THE CLIFF, AND THEN WALK BACK AND FORTH ALONG THE EDGE. JACK LOOKED OUT. IT WAS THE BANDIT CHIEF, PEDRO LOPEZ. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.



**P**EDRO LOPEZ LEANED OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF AND EMPTIED HIS REVOLVER AT SOMEONE BELOW. JACK WISHED THAT HE COULD HELP THE SHERIFF AND HIS MEN, BUT KNEW IT WOULD BE USELESS FOR HIM TO TRY.



**T**HE BANDIT, SATISFIED WITH HIS WORK, THEN HURRIEDLY LEFT. JACK WAITED UNTIL HE WAS OUT OF SIGHT, AND THEN CAME FORTH. HE WAS PUZZLED AND DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.



**T**HEN HE REMEMBERED THE HORSES THE SHERIFF HAD LEFT IN HIS CARE. THE BANDIT WAS HEADED THAT WAY. JACK KNEW A SHORT CUT, AND HURRIED DOWN, HOPING THAT THE BANDIT WOULD NOT FIND THEM.

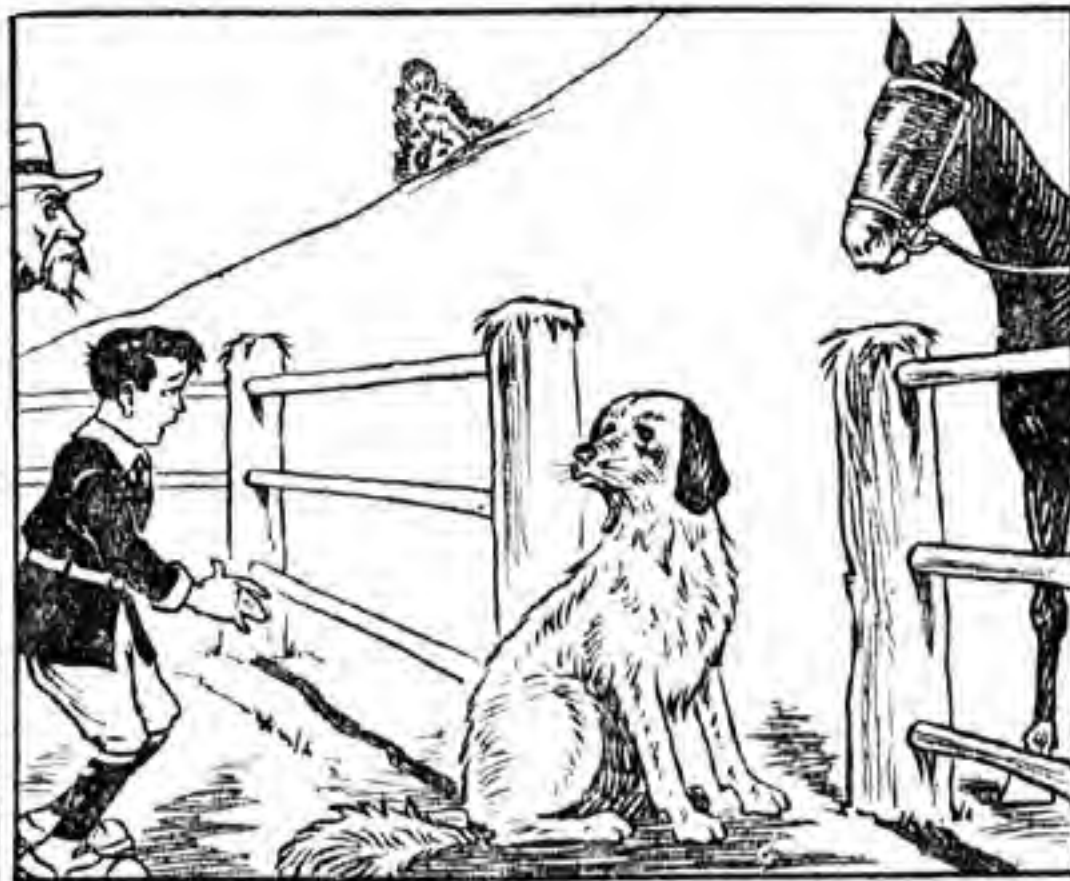


**T**HE LITTLE ADVENTURER ARRIVED TOO LATE. PEDRO LOPEZ HAD STAMPEDED THE HORSES, AFTER STEALING THE SHERIFF'S. THE FAMOUS BANDIT HAD AGAIN MADE HIS ESCAPE. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.





"NOW WE'LL WALK OVER AND SEE IF LOPEZ GOT AWAY WITH ALL OUR HORSES," SAID THE SHERIFF. "I'M AFRAID HE DID," ANSWERED JACK, "I NEVER SAW SO MANY RUN-AWAY HORSES IN MY LIFE."



WHEN THEY REACHED THE ENCLOSURE WHERE THE HORSES WERE KEPT, JACK AND THE SHERIFF WERE SURPRISED TO SEE ALL THE HORSES' BACKS, AND FLIP AT THE ENTRANCE GUARDING THEM.



"WELL," SAID THE SHERIFF, "THAT FLIP IS SURE SOME DOG, HE MUST HAVE HAD AN AWFUL TIME ROUNDING UP THOSE HORSES AND CHASING THEM BACK. WE'LL LET HIM GUARD THEM AWHILE LONGER, AND GO OVER AND SEE THE OLD RANCHER."

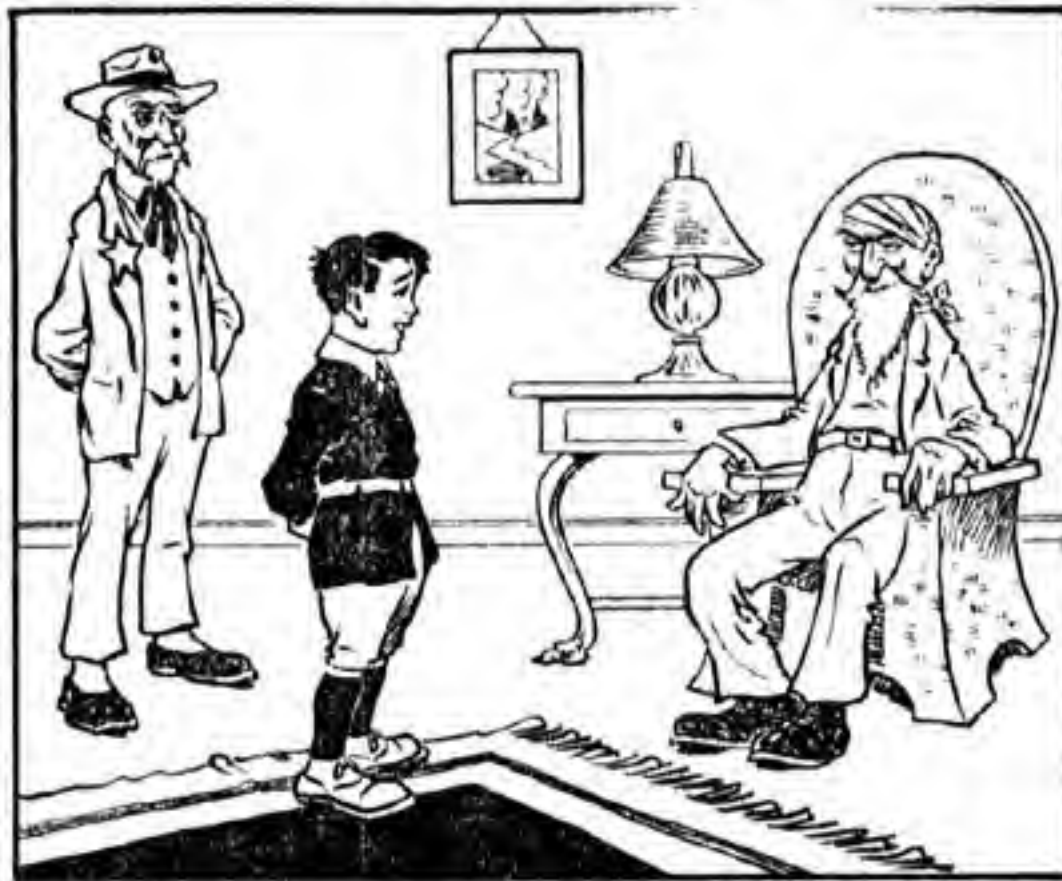


WHEN THEY NEARED THE RANCHER'S HOUSE, ONE OF HIS MEN CAME OUT AND SAID THE OLD FELLOW WOULD SEE THEM AS SOON AS THE DOCTOR LEFT. "LOPEZ ALMOST CHOKED HIM," EXPLAINED THE SHERIFF CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER.

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**J**ACK AND THE SHERIFF, AFTER WAITING A FEW MORE MINUTES, WERE CALLED IN TO SEE THE RANCHER. "WELL," SAID HE, "I AM SURELY SURPRISED TO SEE THE BRAVE JACK DAW IS ONLY A BOY. I THOUGHT HE WAS A MAN."



**T**HE OLD RANCHER THEN THANKED THEM FOR SAVING HIS LIFE AND FROM BEING ROBBED. HE MADE EACH A PRESENT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND ALSO GAVE THEM TWO OF HIS BEST HORSES.



**J**ACK TUCKED HIS MONEY SAFELY AWAY, AND THANKED THE OLD RANCHER FOR HIS GIFTS. HE THEN EXPLAINED TO THE TWO OLD FELLOWS THAT HE WAS ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION, AND ASKED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL ON. THE HORSE WAS READY OUTSIDE.



**L**ITTLE JACK THEN WHISTLED FOR FLIP, JUMPED ON HIS PONY LIGHTNING, AND STARTED OFF. HE STOPPED UP THE ROAD, AND TURNED AND WAVED TO THE TWO OLD FELLOWS WHO WERE WATCHING HIM FROM A WINDOW. CONTINUED IN NEXT CHAPTER.